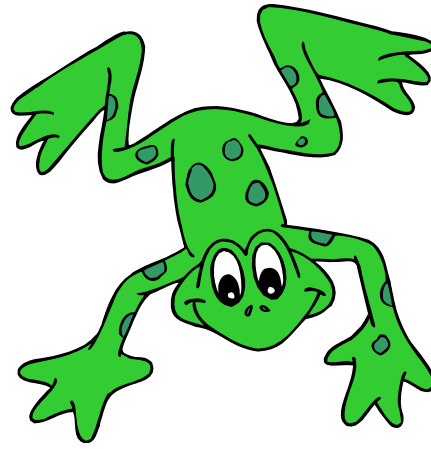


# First Grade Leaps Into Learning

December 17, 2010



## *Reading News*

To review what we learned this week, ask your child the following questions (*correct answers provided*): What letters and sounds did you learn? (x and v) What keys did you learn to read ( ent, ix, anq, and ook)? Try to list as many words as you can that are in these keys!

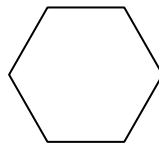
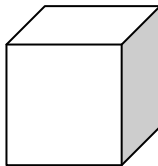
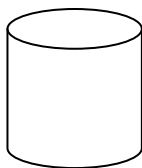
Next week we will work on words in the all key. We'll also enjoy some holiday stories.

When we return to school in January we will be reviewing testing all the letters and sounds, all 45 keys, and circle words from lists 1-3. To ensure that your child doesn't regress during our winter break, be sure to include some time for reading every day!

## *Math News*

We began our study of geometry (Math SOL 1.12, & 1.13). Our study includes solid (3-dimensional) and flat (2-dimensional) shapes. Ask your child to tell you what the "face" of a shape is. Look for everyday objects that are shaped like cylinders, spheres, cones, pyramids, cubes, and prisms. An important vocabulary word is vertices. A vertex (singular of vertices) is the point at which two lines meet to form an angle. A triangle has 3 vertices.

We also had fun sorting and classifying the wrapped packages you sent to school (Math SOL 1.16).



## *Science / Social Studies News*

We continued our study of Social Studies Standard 1.12 "The student will recognize that communities in Virginia include people who have diverse ethnic origins, customs, and traditions, who make contributions to their communities, and who are united as Americans by common principles." This week we focused on the Christian celebration of Christmas. We learned about the events of the first Christmas and how many of our holiday symbols and customs had their beginnings with the birth of Baby Jesus. We made ornaments for our tree, presents, and crafts. Our Weekly Reader was about December celebrations.

Next week we will continue to enjoy Christmas stories, write stories, and do some holiday math.

### *Important Dates in December*

December 17 - Interim Reports Issued  
December 21 - Early Release @ 1:00 pm  
December 22-31 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break



### *Important Dates in January*

January 3 - School Reopens  
January 17 - NO SCHOOL MLK, Jr. Holiday  
January 26 - Class Picture Day  
January 28 - End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Advisory  
January 31 & February 1 - NO SCHOOL Professional Days for Teachers



**Happy Holidays**  
**Winter Vacation**  
**December 22 - January 2**



**Next homework and newsletter will be sent January 7<sup>th</sup>.**